

**REMARKS**

In response to a request by the Examiner, applicant submits herewith a substitute specification, replacement drawings, a listing of current pending claims, and an indication of the interference count by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences awarded in Interference Number 102,725 for the pending case.

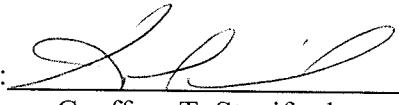
Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be made part of the official record in the above referenced application. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added, and that all pending claims are supported by an enabling disclosure provided by the originally filed specification, drawings, and claims. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (415) 705-6377.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this Amendment, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account Number 04-0822 (Attorney Docket Number NSC1-N4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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